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The Honorable John C. Stennis Chairman Committee on Armed Services United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In reply to your letter of 23 August 1977, I will be most happy to arrange for an Agency representative to meet with Admiral Gayler at his convenience, and provide what support requirements he wishes. My Office of Legislative Counsel will look forward to a call from your staff to set up the meeting.

You can be assured that Admiral Gayler will be given the fullest cooperation and assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Honorable John C. Stennis, Chairman Committee on Armed Services United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in regard to your letter of 23 August 1977, requesting intelligence staff support for Admiral Noel Gayler who will be conducting a preliminary inquiry into the security posture in the Pacific on behalf of the Committee.

I will arrange for an Agency representative to meet with Admiral Gayler, at whatever time and place convenient to him, to determine support requirements. My Office of Legislative Counsel will await a call from your staff to set up the meeting. I would also hope to meet with him at that time.

I know that Noel will be thorough in his review and you can be assured that he will be given the fullest cooperation and assistance.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER

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August 23, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

As you know, the Senate Committee on Armed Services maintains continuing interest and responsibility in the Senate for all matters touching on our national military posture.

The Committee believes that, concurrent with our interest in NATO and the Middle East, we should also further concentrate on the Pacific Ocean area.

To this end, the Committee has asked Admiral Noel Gayler, whom you know, to make a low-key preliminary inquiry into the security posture in the Pacific. Upon completion of this preliminary survey of information available, the Committee may wish to develop a more complete study.

It will greatly facilitate his task if you can arrange such access to the intelligence community and intelligence staff support, as he may need, as a representative of the Committee.

Sincerely,

. Stennis John Q

Chairman